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The Office Action

In the Office Action of December 13, 2004, claims 1-7 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 on the inventor's earlier work set out in U.S. Patent 6,139,506.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested in view of the following argument for allowance pointing out the differences between the method claimed in the present application and that forming the subject matter of the inventor's earlier U.S. Patent 6,139,506.

The Present Invention

As a preliminary matter, the following should be kept in mind. The Office Action notes in several instances that the Heinonen '506 patent shows apparatus "capable of performing a method...."

It is recognized that both the present application, and the '506 patent show ventilator apparatus capable of carrying out a pulmonary measurement. It is for this reason